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PRESIDENT: The amendments are adopted. Who is speaking for the bill? Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, I just explained what the actual bill is. It is to let the local governing body set the amount that they will charge for the dog licenses so that they can then set them according to whatever the cost of the operation of their humane society is and meet their cost that way.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: May I ask Senator Goodrich a question?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I reluctantly yield to Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Goodrich, I seem to have several dog kennels in Sarpy County. Now, they tell me that some dog kennels, not only in Sarpy County but in Douglas County and in the state, are run in a very inhuman manner. There is no one to inspect them to make certain they operate to the welfare of the dog. Now if you would lay this aside until next Wednesday, just hold it until next Wednesday, and if I can't get these kennel operators to come together and tell me what they want in a kennel bill, I will either introduce a bill the next year or I would like to amend this bill so that it can go on across. I understand there are some kennel operators that are freezing their dogs. They starve them. That there are dirty pens and sickness prevails, and if this is true, certainly they ought to be inspected and operate in a very humane way for the dogs. I would gladly put \$100 tax on every dog.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Orval, I hate to disillusion you but this bill will not solve that problem. This bill doesn't deal with those kennels. What this bill does, it deals with humane societies.

SENATOR KEYES: We can let the humane society license the dog kennels and inspect them. That would be one of the best inspections you could get.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Let me finish, Orval. For example, if the humane society through this bill gets enough money that they can operate like they should, then they can inspect the kennels from your county or from my county or anybody else's county, and if there are improper things going on, they would be able to bring it to a head but they can't do it until they get the humane societies, I am talking now, can't do it until they get the money and they have to get the money through their own local city council.

SENATOR KEYES: You don't think it would be possible, then, to have the humane society inspect and license and charge a license fee for a dog kennel. You don't think in this bill I could do that. I think I could very definitely.